

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on October 27, 2014, in the Conference Room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Ms. Sheridan, Messrs.: Abercrombie, Johnson, Lane, Pellegrino
and Werner
ABSENT: Mr. Freda
ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Diane Cuomo, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr. Abercrombie motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014, meeting, Ms. Sheridan seconded. The Commission voted as follows: Mr. Abercrombie – approved; Mr. Johnson – approved; Mr. Lane – abstained; Mr. Pellegrino – abstained; Mr. Werner - approved; Ms. Sheridan – approved.

2. WPCF - Plant Operations - status report (MB/Veolia Water)

Mr. Barrows reported the plant is running very well. There were no problems or violations to report. He advised nitrogen is down and, if the year were to end now, we would have to buy \$12,000 in credits.

3. 17 Stiles Lane – F.O.G. (JB)

Mr. Bodwell presented a request on behalf of 17 Stiles Lane to install an interior F.O.G. removal system in lieu of an exterior system. Per WPCA regulations, should a new establishment wish to install an interior system versus an exterior system, they must obtain WPCA approval prior to installation.

The mechanical engineering firm for the applicant presented their statistics.

Mr. Bodwell explained the difference between exterior and interior systems.

Mr. Pellegrino motioned to approve request to install an interior system, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. CMB – Half Mile Road – Request to Connect to Sanitary Sewer (JB)

Darin Overton, Senior Project Manager, Milone & MacBroom, presented a request on behalf of applicant proposing new sewers be built to serve 149 residential units on site connecting to the original sewer on Benedict Drive.

Mr. Bodwell advised the original project proposed 396 units but was denied by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The project, as settled, allows a maximum of 150 units.

Mr. Abercrombie motioned to approve the above connection, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino. The vote was unanimous in favor.

5. 500 Middletown Avenue / Lexington Gardens – Status Report

Mr. Bodwell reported the Town Attorney advised our appeal was denied and the project will now be going before the Planning and Zoning Commission in November for approval.

6. Miscellaneous

- a) Mr. Bodwell updated the Commission with regard to the Breakfast Nook, 448 Washington Avenue, failure to comply. He presented a preliminary draft letter to be sent to the Commissioner of the CT DEEP requesting revocation of the F.O.G. permit for Anico's Enterprises, d/b/a Breakfast Nook, since they have been contacted on numerous occasions and refuse to comply with the regulations/guidelines.

Mr. Lane motioned to send the proposed letter with copies to the owner and tenant. Ms. Sheridan seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- b) Mr. Bodwell advised some of the articles published with regard to the percentage/increase in sewer use fees were inaccurate and he would like to clarify those figures for the record.

With regard to Type III charges, Mr. Bodwell took the total flow for Type 3 accounts and divided it by the number of commercial/industrial accounts (555 accounts) and arrived at an average flow for industrial/commercial (Type 3) use. Taking the average flow and calculating the increase of \$.1300 per 1,000 gallons, those accounts actually were increased by \$56.00 (compared to the \$20.00 increase for a residential account).

He also advised that the percentages of increases published did not take into account that there is a minimum charge for commercial/industrial accounts which is equal to the Type 1 charge. For example, if a Type 3 account uses only 1,000 gallons (\$3.99) they must pay a minimum charge of \$265.00 (Type 1).

- c) Ms. Sheridan asked, in the future, when a major expenditure is approved, could the Commission be advised what impact that would have on the sewer use charge.

7. Payment of Bills

None

8. Public Comments

Mr. Werner acknowledged a group who advised they were graduate students from the University of New Haven who were present solely to observe the meeting of Water Pollution Control Authority.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Abercrombie motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.